

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-10, 12, and 17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-10 and 12 have been amended, claims 2, 3, 11, and 13 canceled without prejudice, and new claim 17 added. Claims 14-16 were previously withdrawn. New claim 17 and amended claims 1, 4-10 and 12 are fully supported by the specification in its entirety.

The Office Action objected to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing terms that were not clear and concise and for other grammatical errors. The Office Action further found the title to be non-descriptive. Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12 were objected to because of certain grammatical informalities. Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for an allegedly insufficient written description. Claims 1-13 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

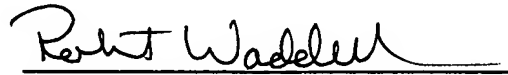
To traverse these objections and rejections, applicant has amended, canceled and/or added claims that are clear to one of ordinary skill in the art and for which an adequate written description has been provided. Applicant has also amended the specification to overcome the informalities noted in the Office Action. As part of the amendments, the incorrect spelling of "musaze" has been replaced with the correct spelling "*Musa*," which is a genera of banana plants.

In view of Applicant's foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

If for any reason, the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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